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SUBJ: MBFR: NATO COST-SHARING OF AD HOC GROUP OFFICE IN VIENNA

REF A. STATE 176726 B. USNATO 4130

BEGIN SUMMARY. MEETING OF AD HOC COMMITTEE SEPT 6 TO APPROVE
REVISED TEXT OF PB(73)35 ON BUDGETARY ASPECTS (REF B) REMAINED
STALLED SINCE ITALY, GERMANY, TURKEY AND US WERE STILL AWAITING
INSTRUCTIONS (REF A). NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 17.
END SUMMARY.

1. WE APPRECIATE WASHINGTON NEED FOR AN ORDER-OF-MAGNITUDE
ESTIMATE OF SPECIAL BUDGET FOR INTIAL PLANNING. RENTAL, PERSONNEL
AND COMMUNICATIONS COSTS HAVE NOT BEEN FORECAST BY INTERNATIONAL
STAFF FOR LACK OF PROGRESS ON LOCATION OF SUITABLE FACILITY.
FINANCIAL CONTROLLER HAS, HOWEVER, RELUCTANTLY PROVIDED ESTIMATE
IN GROSSEST TERMS:

RENT AND O&M OF BUILDING BF10,000,000 P.A.

PERSONNEL AND RELATED COSTS BF10,000,000 P.A.

COMMUNICATIONS & OTHER BF10,000,000 P.A.

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REIMBURSEMENT FROM NATIONAL DELEGATIONS
AND OTHER BUDGETS BF5,000,000 P.A.

NET SPECIAL BUDGET BF25,000,000 P.A.

IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THIS ESTIMATE IS SOLELY TO PROVIDE INITIAL FINANCIAL PLANNING DATA.

2. COST SHARING FORMULA RELEFECGED IN REF B WAS DERIVED FROM FIFTEEN-NATION FORMULA OF THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY BUDGET, EXCLUDING FRANCE AND ICELAND. THIS WAS INTENDED TO PRECLUDE INTRODUCTION OF ANY NEW CIVIL BUDGET FORMULA AND IN RECOGNITION OF NON-PARTICIPATION OF FRANCE AND ICELAND IN THESE COSTS.

3. MISSION DOES NOT BELIEVE AGREEMENT IS LIKELY ON INCLUSION OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF PERSONNEL COSTS UNDER CIVIL BUDGET WITH FRENCH PARTICIPATION, NOR THAT SUCH COSTS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN CY 1973 OR CY 1974 FUND AVAILABILITY. THIS IS PRECISELY THE POINT OF PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL BUDGET NOT IDENTIFIED AS EITHER CIVIL OR MILITARY TO PERMIT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE SOURCE OF FUNDING.

4. AD HOC GROUP POINTS TO URGENCY OF RESOLVING PROCEDURAL DETAILS FOR PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BUDGET, AND REGRETS INABIITY OF NATIONAL MEMBERS TO APPROVE WHAT IT REGARDS AS PURELY PROCEDURAL TEXT ON BUDGETARY ASPECTS WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO FURTHER PROGRESS OF THE AD HOC GROUP.

5. REQUEST GUIDANCE PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING SEPT 17. RUMSFELD

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